

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Basic Facilities to Urban Poor
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the funds allocated to provide basic facilities to urban poor are not being utilised properly and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of States which have utilized less than 50 per cent of the allocated funds per year during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the reasons for such under-utilizations along with the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) &(b): The Ministry has been implementing Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)-Housing for All {PMAY (U)-HFA} schemes for extending central assistance to States/UTs for providing houses and related basic civic amenities to urban poor including slum dwellers. State-wise details of central grant released during the last three years and current year under these schemes and percentage of funds utilised by the States/UTs is annexed which reflects that 4 States have utilized less than 50% of the funds released.

(c): The reasons for such under-utilizations are due to non-availability of encumbrance free land, reluctance of slum dwellers / beneficiaries to shift temporarily in cases of in-situ redevelopment projects etc. For ensuring optimum utilization of funds, the Ministry reviews status of ongoing projects under these schemes through Quarterly and Monthly Progress Reports, in the meetings of Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) and review meetings at the level of Secretary (HUPA). Through these reviews, State/UT Governments are advised to utilize the funds released by Govt. of India and to complete the on-going projects at the earliest.
